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MISSION-WIDE CONFERENCE SET FOR WHITSUNTIDE

M. I. A. TO CONDUCT KIDDERMINSTER EVENT

KIDDERMINSTER in Worcestershire has been selected as the scene of a mission-wide M. I. A. Youth Conference to be conducted during the week-end of Whitsuntide, June 8th, 9th and 10th. This announcement, the culmination of months of preliminary planning by the mission M. I. A. officers, was given to the *Millennial Star* for official release today by President Joseph J. Cannon.

Already the stage is being set for a unique demonstration to the people of Britain of the progressive youth programme of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, planned and instituted in answer to the spiritual, cultural and recreational needs of a new age. The general theme of the Whitsuntide gathering will be “BUILD ZION TODAY.” In this day of civic and social planning, when leaders on every front are engrossed in the problems of today and are searching for their solution in such a way as to bring about a better and more abundant life for the British people, no theme could be more significant.

The mayor and civic leaders of Kidderminster have pledged their support to the conference project, and have given their assurance that a warm and hearty welcome awaits the conference delegates.

Special arrangements will be made to provide lodging at reasonable rates for the huge influx that is expected during the conference period, and negotiations for special transportation concessions and facilities from every point in the mission are under consideration.

The Kidderminster chapel, now in the process of being remodeled and redecorated, will be completed in time for the conference meetings and activities. Arrangements for other facilities required for the conference schedule of events will be completed in the near future.

Latter-day Saints and their friends from every district in the

British mission, it is expected, will come to Kidderminster to participate in the conference activities. Although the conference has been termed a youth gathering, this in no way means that the older people will not be invited to take part. Within the scope of the youth programme of the Church, and consequently in the outlined activities of the conference, there is a place for everyone, and particularly for those whose advanced years and lifetime of experience lend maturity to their judgment and wisdom to their counsel.

THE preliminary prospectus outlined for the great gathering calls for a full programme of activity during the three days of conference. On Saturday, June 8th, the first day, registration will commence. Provision is made in the afternoon for an exhibition of Treasures of Truth Scrap books and Bee-Hive Swarm Day ceremonies. A Mission Honour Day programme, which will include an M Men speech competition, a ladies choral contest, the presentation of Bee-Hive diplomas and similar features will conclude Saturday's activities.

Sunday's schedule, as tentatively outlined, calls for an M. I. A. testimony meeting in the morning, followed by a general session at which the M. I. A. slogan for 1935-36 will be introduced. At this meeting President Joseph J. Cannon will be the principal speaker. Departmental sessions will continue in the afternoon. The Sunday evening general session will be a youth demonstration featuring replies by M Men and Gleaner Girls to the present-day challenges to youth. President Joseph F. Merrill is expected to address this session.

Monday, June 10th, activity day, will commence with a meeting of M. I. A. executives and community activity committees. This will be followed by recreational institute group work, under the direction of qualified experts. The feature of the afternoon, according to present plans, will be an M Men Field Meet, at which M Men from all over the mission will participate in athletic competitions. A gala ball, Monday evening, will conclude the conference schedule. Scouting will be represented by an encampment under the direction of the mission Scout leaders, and in conjunction with the conference.

Nothing will be left undone and no efforts will be spared to make the June conference at Kidderminster an outstanding event in the history of the British Mission. Perhaps it may set a precedent for a regular yearly gathering that will become an institution in the British Isles. Never before has such a wonderful opportunity been afforded Latter-day Saints in Britain for leadership training, for religious and cultural education, and for wholesome association with people who are striving to pattern their lives after the same high ideals.

The mission leaders have announced their plans for the June conference at this time, four months in advance of the conference date, in order that members and their friends will have ample time to make the necessary plans and arrangements that will enable them to spend their Whitsuntide holidays at Kidderminster. Details regarding registration, transportation and lodgings, as well as further developments in the plans and programme of the conference, will be announced in later issues of the *Star*, and in bulletins issued by the mission M. I. A. officers.

A TRIBUTE TO THE GENIUS OF JOSEPH SMITH

The Mormon Prophet's Foresight in City Planning

By ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY

THE bright lights, the culture, the associations of the city have always had their attractions. Particularly since the Industrial Revolution, with its demand for the centralization of industry, there have been a continuous forsaking of the country and a parallel concentration of people into large communities. But men and women have never lost the wholesome desire to spend part of their time next the soil. Witness the seemingly endless line of motor cars that stream out from the cities at week-ends and the exodus from crowded centers at holiday time. These are but the expression of a natural longing to get one's feet on the earth with only the blue of the sky for a covering.

But in some of our large centers of population the situation is becoming acute. One must go miles to get clear of the sooty atmosphere of industry and the glare of city pavements. The London County Council is now awake to the seriousness of this problem. Unless something is soon done, it is said that the metropolis, which now contains almost one-fourth of the country's population, will have grown into one vast plat of buildings and pavement extending almost continuously to Brighton and the sea.

The plan under consideration by the London authorities involves the securing of a belt of open country extending around London before the territory is entirely built up. This would ensure fresh air and the beauties of the countryside for London's inhabitants and their posterity. Some of the industrial cities of the north have waited too long, and natural beauty which could have been preserved with some foresight has become stark ugliness.

"Scrutator," writing in the *Sunday Times* of January 17th last, outlined the situation that London must face at once. "The ideal is that no part of our great towns should be far from the recreation of fresh air in green open spaces. With intelligent planning fifty years ago that might have been the happy state of every large town today at a cost that would have been relatively trivial. We shall pay heavily in money for a time, but the problem is still manageable in most places. But even in London, where conditions are relatively favourable, delay might soon put it quite out of hand."

When considered with the Government's efforts at city planning expressed in the new garden cities and the determined fight against overcrowding and slums, this attests a civic consciousness of which the nation can be justifiably proud.

All of this serves to throw into bold outline another facet of the prophetic leadership of Joseph Smith. Civic-minded officials of the great cities of England are today alive to a situation that the Mormon prophet foresaw and took care to prevent more than a century ago. In the summer of 1833 the Prophet sent from Ohio the specifications he had drawn up for the building of Zion in Jackson County, Missouri. While the peoples of Europe and

the eastern part of America were concentrating in cities that grew without regard to planning for the future, he set the foundations for small cities platted into square blocks with streets 132 feet wide intersecting at right angles. And one of the most important features of these new well-ordered cities was the agricultural belt surrounding them. They were to be cities of homes and offices and churches with green fields extending from their borders. And they were to be small enough so that all could have easy access between town and country.

All of the people were to live in the city, and at the same time all would have the blessings of the open country. The Prophet instructed: "The tiller of the soil as well as the merchant and the mechanic will live in the city. The farmer and his family, therefore, will enjoy the advantages of schools, public lectures and other meetings. His home will no longer be isolated, and his family denied the benefits of society, which has been, and always will be, the great educator of the human race; but they will enjoy the same privileges of society, and can surround their homes with the same intellectual life, the same social refinement as will be found in the home of the merchant or the banker or the professional man." (B. H. Roberts, *Comprehensive History of the Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 311-12.)

The ideal conditions sought by the authorities in England today found expression in the plan put forth by the Prophet in 1833—cities without the squalor and filth of slums and the blighting effect of overcrowding, the blessings of the open country for the city worker and the culture of city life for the agriculturist.

Though persecution made it impossible to complete the building of Zion and Far West, Missouri, the efficacy of this plan was seen in the magic changing of the swamps of Commerce, Illinois, into Nauvoo the Beautiful; and its power to enrich the lives of people of all classes in combining the amenities of city life with the wholesomeness of the country is to be witnessed in numerous towns in Utah and Idaho, whose foundations were laid on the principles set down by him whose spiritual insight provided for that temporal happiness which comes with wholesome living.

"HE WILL PREPARE A WAY"

By PRESIDENT LE GRANDE P. BACKMAN

"I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." This was the testimony and determination of Nephi, the son of Lehi, when the Lord required at his hands a work which appeared impossible.

In this short article, written for the Millennium Star during his recent stay in London, President Le Grande P. Backman, who, with his family, is en route to Cape Town, where he will relieve President Don Mack Dalton as head of the South African Mission, relates an experience in which the same faith and determination resulted in a similar convincing testimony.

ABOUT the middle of November, I was called to the office of the First Presidency of the Church where I met President Grant and his counsellors, Presidents Clark and McKay. They

asked if it would be possible for me to arrange my affairs so that I might accept a call to preside over the South African mission.

This interview came as a distinct surprise to me, and at first thought it appeared impossible for me to arrange to go. I was in the midst of a rather active practice of law, had my home and had just purchased a new automobile, and was also rather heavily in debt. I told the First Presidency frankly of my condition. They counselled me to give the matter prayerful thought and to take sufficient time to consider thoroughly all the factors that my decision involved.

The first few days after this interview I endeavoured to plan a way out of my difficulties. However, my attitude was an attitude that such was impossible. After about two weeks, in which I accomplished nothing, I decided to go to the First Presidency and inform them that I would go. Presidents Grant and Clark were in the east organizing the New York stake so my interview was with President McKay. I told President McKay that I had decided to go. His answer was, "We knew that you would so determine, and the Lord will bless you so that you will be able to arrange your affairs."

There had been some rumour among my friends that I had been asked to accept the mission call, but the information was not general. Immediately upon my informing President McKay that I would accept the opportunity, my affairs began to adjust themselves. The next day I was called by telephone by the Keyser Realty Company asking me if I desired to lease my home; they had a good prospect for it. Upon my answer in the affirmative they immediately took the prospective tenant to my home. He decided that it was just what he desired, and accepted the lease at my own terms. Two days later my older brother came to my office and informed me that he wanted the first opportunity to purchase my automobile, and would pay me cash for it.

MY younger brother and I are partners in the practice of law and over the past three years of economic unrest collections have been rather uncertain and slow. We had quite a number of large outstanding accounts. I suggested that we immediately write our clients who were owing these accounts and inform them that I was to leave the practice for a period to preside over the South African mission, and that we would appreciate settlement of the accounts before I left. The result of these letters was surprising, and in less than four weeks sufficient money had come in to the office in answer to these letters to make it possible for me to clear up my debts. I was able to leave Salt Lake City free from debt, with my home in the hands of a responsible, reliable party, with my law practice in the hands of a loyal and faithful brother and with a desire in my heart to fill an honourable mission.

I feel that the Lord has indeed blessed and prospered me and my family. We are blessed with health and happiness. I have come to the conclusion that if we desire righteous things and make an effort to carry out the counsel of those in authority that the Lord will open the way for what appears at times to us to be almost impossible to be accomplished. This I can readily testify to and feel to express my deep gratitude for the blessings that have come to me and mine.

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PRIESTHOOD

THE plan of mimeographing monthly leaflets for branch teaching is being discontinued as a matter of interesting experiment. First, it will save expense, thereby enabling the Church in Britain along the 1935 highway to self-support. In the second place, it will make possible using the *Millennial Star* more effectively as the voice of the Church in Britain. How? By using it as our instrument for good branch teaching. Its editorials and articles are the answers to the hourly needs of every member of the Church. Let us take the message of the *Star* into every home as branch teachers, whether that home subscribes or not.

First Night. *Branch Supervision*, Chapter VI.

Second Night. *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter VIII.

Third Night. *Branch Supervision*, Chapter VII, "Membership." It is often difficult for friends to find out exactly what is required to become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Let us change all such conditions.

Fourth Night. *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter VIII. What is meant by "mutual relationships"?—G. HOMER DURHAM.

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Five-minute talk: "What do you think of last-minute repentance (a) from the Latter-day Saint point of view? (b) from the point of view of one or more other denominations?" Lesson text: *Theology and Testimony*, "Gems of Truth." Objective: To focus attention on the great wisdom of our religious thought, derived as it is from revelation. Singing: "The Time is Far Spent" (page 69 *Latter-day Saint Hymns*).

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A short talk on Helen Keller, Laura Bridgman, or some other famous blind mute. Probably your borough library has a book on one of these. Otherwise, talk on some blind person you know personally or through reading, who has benefited by education of the blind. Work and business.

Lesson text: Teacher Topic: "Samuel G. Howe and the Physically Handicapped." Objective: To illustrate a practical application of the Golden Rule. Dr. Howe's love for the blind and blind mute children of God brought a rich, joyful existence to thousands whose lives, without him, would have been a blank.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Have some one who will read at least parts of Andre Maurois' *Disraeli*, or Lytton Strachey's *Life of Queen Victoria*, give a ten-minute review of one of these books. Lesson text: *Life and Literature*, "Biography." Objective: To indicate the significant place of biography in the literature of today; also to suggest that reading biography should bring to man "some increase in patience, in sympathy, in tolerance, and love."

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Discuss cases of accident, illness, or death that have been brought about by carelessness, lack of foresight, lack of available remedies. Lesson text: *Social Service*: Health and Home Nursing. The Medicine Cabinet. Objective: To show the value of preparedness in caring for cases of sudden illness or accident.—THE BRITISH MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY BOARD.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS and district supervisors have received copies of the new lesson course. They are aware of the practical qualities of the course. We hope that the lessons are being utilized to teach members of the Church how to do Genealogy work. The lessons are elementary; they are devised to suit both beginning and advanced classes.

The first quarter of 1935 ends with the month of March. It is the hope of the Mission Genealogical department that a number of new classes have been organized in each district.

It is not too late to start new classes where they are needed. With the end of the quarter, the first part of the lesson course is concluded. The lesson on "Heirship" in the manual is a very important one. Beginning classes should by all means take that. The April and following lessons begin a new series of real laboratory activities.

Genealogical classes must have a full hour of time to devote to their work. It is a mistake to think that half an hour twice a month is sufficient time for this work. If this lesson course is carried out as it is planned, every person who attends regularly will have made the first step in his own Genealogy, will understand how the work is done, and will want to find time to come to further classes and push his own work forward.

Lesson Period. Second Week in March. Lesson 5, "The Heir." *Laboratory Period:* The lesson manual outlines an heirship problem. You will need a pencil, inexpensive paper, and something to write on to make a rough pedigree chart and answer questions about it.

Fourth Week in March. Lesson 6, "Poor Handwriting—the Cause of Errors." *Laboratory Period:* In this time work will be started on five faith-promoting incidents for your Book of Remembrance. If you have no Book of Remembrance ordinary good grade white paper will serve to put in your folder. Bring pen and ink.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR MARCH

AGAIN we meet around the board
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord,
With faith in His atoning blood,
Our only access unto God.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE

March 3rd. The aim here is to show that indignation, as a characteristic of Jesus, is sometimes necessary.

March 10th. To show the Master's loyalty to His Father's will, and to inspire loyalty for the same cause in the hearts of men.

March 17th. To show the value of friendship.

March 24th. To show the Master's love for the home and children and His appreciation of motherhood.

March 31st. To teach God's love for repentant sinners.

TEACHERS: The lessons of your class need to be thoroughly understood before they can be taught. The pupils of your class rely this year much more on your real ability to teach than ever before. Are you making the life of Jesus so real that your students want to read the four Gospels and see these characteristics of Him for themselves? See the article on teaching at the end of this section.

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EDITORIAL

THE ORIGIN OF MAN

THE *Daily Telegraph*, one of London's great daily newspapers, recently gave considerable prominence in successive issues to the much-discussed question of man's origin. This began by publishing an address by Sir Ambrose Fleming, a famous electrical scientist, before the Philosophical Society of Great Britain. In this address Professor Fleming declared that the evolution theory of man's origin, the theory that he developed from the apes or other lower animals by slow changes requiring millions of years, was a product of the imagination. On the other hand, "we can quite appropriately assert," Sir Ambrose said, "that the origin of man is to be looked for in the creative power of a self-conscious Creator, and Supreme Intelligence and Will."

In discussing this thesis Professor Fleming made a number of very interesting statements, according to the report. Among them were the following: "Those who have made a careful study of the evidences are agreed that the bodily resurrection of Christ is one of the most certainly attested facts in human history. But, if so, it certifies all previous Biblical miracles, and it was unquestionably predicted in prophecy which is a continual miracle." The bodily resurrection of Christ on the third day after His certain death on the cross is a miracle so outstanding that Sir Ambrose has no difficulty at all in accepting the other miracles that Jesus did—turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, bringing the dead back to life, etc.

It is certainly refreshing in these times of so much atheism and apparent indifference to churches and religion to read of an eminent scientist speaking so plainly and with so much conviction in support of the truth of Biblical miracles, the greatest of which was the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. These firm declarations of Sir Ambrose undoubtedly give great satisfaction to those who believe in the reality of these accounts. Sir Ambrose, a layman, not only directs his cogent remarks to biologists who would eliminate God in man's creation, but he criticizes an able bishop for saying approvingly to a congregation in Westminster Abbey, that "today there is among competent men of science unanimous agreement that man has been evolved from an ape-like stock. He rose probably a million years ago from a tangle of apes which began to vary in different directions."

Sir Ambrose maintained that the evidence does not justify

this view of man's origin. On the other hand, he expressed the self-evident truth that there "should be nothing incredible in the idea that the Supreme Intelligence and Will of Deity, which is evidenced to us in the phenomena of the inorganic world, should be able to create not merely atomic matter and energy, but also living matter in organic forms." He also remarked that adherence to the doctrine of evolution, as presented by many teachers, was entirely inconsistent with belief in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and New Testament teaching. With this statement Latter-day Saints will readily agree.

And listen to another statement Sir Ambrose was reported as making: "It is a matter greatly to be deplored that some ministers of religion should accept as demonstrated proof the unconfirmed speculations of a materialistic anthropology, deny the possibility of miracle or exceptional action on the part of Deity, and assume that no events have ever happened, or can happen, which are outside of, or different from, those of our present limited experience of Nature. In so doing they are building on the sands of an uncertain, ever-changing science instead of resting on the rock of the increasingly verified, inspired Scriptures which do not comprise the guesses of fallible minds but the utterances of holy men of God, who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Can you join with us in saying, "Good for Sir Ambrose"? It certainly is to be deplored that a minister, or anyone else for that matter, should say or do anything that tends to destroy faith in God or in the divinely inspired teachings of His prophets. An abiding faith in God our Heavenly Father has always been a potent factor in bringing satisfaction and joy into human lives. Anyone diminishing or taking this factor out of human lives might well be looked upon as an enemy of man. For without faith human life must appear dark and meaningless. We pity him who is without it. As members of the Church it is our duty to work for the increase of faith among men. And a way open to us all in doing this is to live and let our "light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."

Now, as to man's origin the Latter-day Saints stand on the declaration that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). When and how He created them, the Scriptures do not say; but earthly elements were used in the process—"the dust of the earth." Further than these statements the Church does not go.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

NORWICH DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held in the Norwich chapel, 60 Park Lane, Norwich, on March 3rd. President Joseph F. Merrill and President Joseph J. Cannon will be the principal speakers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 3rd. To show that man is a free agent.*March 10th.* To give an understanding of the creation of the world as the stage for human existence.*March 17th.* To show that the mind of man sets him apart from animals and the rest of creation—that he is verily the offspring of Deity.*March 24th.* To show that man is aware of the existence of God.*March 31st.* General Review. Part of the time on this review Sunday could be turned over to 3 or 4 students who have previously been assigned a special topic selected from the past lessons on which to report.

TEACHERS: The teachers should take the last ten minutes of the class period to sum up the opinions of the class, always remembering the objective. The Bookstore has copies of "The Earth and Man" for 1d. each. See article for teachers at end of section.

NEW TESTAMENT

March 3rd. To teach that obedience to all God's laws is necessary as evidenced by Jesus' request for baptism and God's pleasure therewith.*March 10th.* To teach that Christ increased in power after His baptism and proved His right to the Messiahship by successfully withstanding evil.*March 17th.* To teach that a testimony of the divinity of Jesus and His Gospel comes through a willingness to follow Him.*March 24th.* To teach that evidences of the power and divinity of the Saviour are available and recognized by those who have faith and obey His teachings.*March 31st.* Review. Answers to Review Questions are found in *The Instructor*.

TEACHERS: See article on teaching at the end of this section.

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT

March 3rd. To show the sufferings the saints endured.*March 10th.* To help pupils to learn of the romantic trip of the saints by water to the new land.*March 17th.* To show how well the trek west was planned by the Church leaders.*March 24th.* To help pupils understand what trials the saints endured.*March 31st.* Review.

TEACHERS: The lessons your class is taking are actual happenings. In History they are superb, in Church Government a revelation, in importance they have no rival. Teach so that your pupils understand this. Teach them Church History in such a way that it will never be forgotten. See the article on teaching at the end of this section.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

March 3rd. God often overrules the evil designs of men for His own purpose.*March 10th.* Unselfishness brings peace and happiness.*March 17th.* Unselfishness to the needy brings the Lord's blessings to the giver.*March 24th.* The best we have is none too good to give to our Heavenly Father.*March 31st.* Review. Teachers should prepare appropriate Easter exercises.

TEACHERS: See article on teaching at the end of this section.

KINDERGARTEN

March 3rd. The Children's Period. The children will be especially eager to talk with you as you review "The Boy Jesus Grows Strong," because they take pride in being strong themselves. They will enjoy telling of the kinds of food they eat which are healthful, and of the hard tasks they perform which make strong muscles.

When we smile as we work we show that we are willing to be of service. Smiles help us to grow strong. Smiles helped the boy Jesus to grow strong.

March 10th. To enter God's kingdom one must repent and be baptized.

March 17th. To enter God's kingdom one must repent and be baptized.

March 24th. The overcoming of obstacles gives strength.

March 31st. He who would belong to God's kingdom must believe in His Son.

TEACHERS: Read the following article on teaching.

TEACHING

The forty-five minutes of Sunday School lesson activity are precious moments and should be treated as such. One writer aptly says, "The recitation or lesson period is the teacher's opportunity to sit down with a group of children or adults to consider with them a lesson, to look into their faces, to question them, to guide their thinking, to lead them out of the mists of doubt, and raise them to the tableland of light and truth." What a wonderful opportunity.

Teachers should also bear in mind that the pupil's lessons are prepared for the purpose of arousing pupil interest and for stimulating pupil preparation as conditions necessary to make the teacher's work easier and more effective. Nevertheless the lessons in and of themselves are not able to arouse interest and stimulate preparation. Human intelligence must be applied to the task. Remember that Jesus understood that the soul is cultured only when the will is moved to act. Remember that our aim should be, "The training of souls into the knowledge of the truth that is glorified, not in its entertainment, but by its use in a life of service; that we should constantly strive to occasion right thought, to secure keen feeling, and to ensure right action."

Only when teaching is effective do we live up to the opportunities and responsibilities of our positions. To make it effective, one must have a clear-cut aim—an objective for his lesson. And each objective should be centered in the pupils of the class; the objective should be to direct daily activities. Notice how the objective, "The overcoming of obstacles gives strength," is calculated to change the attitude of children towards obstacles they meet, to let them understand how to become strong. Note how the objective, "To show that the mind of man sets him apart from animals and the rest of creation," brings a realization that man is divine—the offspring of Deity. The objectives of the *Star* Guide are given to help teachers of Sunday School find what they are trying to bring about in the lives of their students.

The best preparation for a Sunday School lesson includes: (1) Reading the lesson a week previous to the time it is to be given. (2) Remembering the objective during the week. (3) Re-reading the lesson before the class period and at the same time making notes of what points to introduce. (4) Hunting up references, bringing in outside material from *The Instructor* and elsewhere. (5) Noting illustrations you have thought of during the week to support the objective (even though they may seem foreign to the lesson text). (6) Planning a definite application of the objective to the lives of the particular students of the class. The objective is the point around which this preparation is built. If one does not know where he is going, he cannot adequately prepare.—BRITISH MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY EVENING JOINT PROGRAMME FOR MARCH

Opening Hymn : "Now Let Us Rejoice."

Invocation.

Song : Bee-Hive Swarm.

Short Talks : "What My M. I. A. Class Means to Me," by a Scout and a Bee-Hive Girl.

Ten-minute Talk by an M Man : "Can I Afford to Pay Tithing?" (Treat from the slogan viewpoint.)

Special Quartette (or mixed chorus) : Selected number. (Suggestion : "The Challenge," *M. I. A. Songs*, page 5.)

Address by a Mother : "What My Membership in the Church Means."

Address : "The Church and Obedience to Law—The Blessings Afforded."

Closing Hymn : "Jehovah, Lord of Heaven and Earth."

DEPARTMENTAL WORK FOR MARCH

SCOUTING : Scouting is an integral part of Y. M. M. I. A. Is your organization a five-point one?

Here is a suggested order of business on a troop night :

1. Meet an hour before Mutual opens, for games. See Gilcraft's *Book of Games* or other Scout publications. Leave 15 minutes for physical training or Swedish drill. Break five minutes before Mutual and march into seats in front of hall, so all scouts are seated together.

2. Preliminary M. I. A. programme, after which march into den or troop room.

3. Flag exercises, inspection for cleanliness, general appearance, etc., by Scout Master or Assistant.

4. Instruction period, either group units for special badge work, special speaker or instructor on specific subjects connected with the movement, and of course, general Patrol Work. Competitions may be held at this time in First Aid, Knotting, Woodcraft, Signalling, and so forth.

5. Honour Period : Investing of new Tenderfoots, presentation of badges, awards ; time for camp fire yarns and sing-songs.

6. Closing period (troop formed into half circle). Appropriate notices, prayer by a Scout, short prayer and blessing by Scout Master or Assistant. Hauling down of Flag, salute, dismiss. (Alterations to be made according to local or branch conditions).—LEWIS H. TARR.

M MEN : M Men of Britain, lend me your ears—for there is news for you. The season's half-way mark is here, and the time is ripe for a crystallization of our efforts. A plan has therefore been formulated whereby the local activity of each M Men club can be measured by a single standard, fair to all, during the three months, February 20th to May 26th. Who are our athletes? Which club will be winners of the M Men Challenge Trophy to be presented at the great M. I. A. conference in June?

A voice crying in the wilderness calls, "Constitutions, Constitutions, your presence is required at the Mission Office." What about sending in a copy of yours for the first 1,000 points towards becoming the champion M Men group of the British Isles?—JOHN BLEAKLEY.

HINTS FOR EXECUTIVES

1. How many people can be contacted with the Branch Honour Day Programme? Before the eventful week, secretaries (Y. M. and Y. W.) will receive in the post blank postcards addressed to "Honour Day Attendance Tabulation, 5 Gordon Square, London." They should count every man and woman who crosses the threshold on that night (just as they always should do), but instead of merely checking their own rolls,

will write the figure on the card, and mail it before midnight to the office. We hope that this will mean filling your hall as it has never been filled before. It is the first real test that has been applied to Mutual as a mission-wide machine for contacting the public. Will we measure up, Executives?

Here are opportunities and projects:

- (a) A Successful Branch Honour Day before May 21st.
 - (b) An outstanding District Honour Day, May 26th.
 - (c) A Glorious June Conference at Whitsuntide—"All roads lead to Kidderminster chapel and a new era for the British Mission, commencing June 8th, 9th and 10th."
2. During March, plans for the weekly preliminary programmes are being left entirely up to you, the local officers. In twenty minutes each week, by way of song, speech, story, and other means of enriching life, what can you do to build up your Mutual? We would like to hear from you.
 3. Will all branches putting on plays in February and Music Festivals in March, please note the same on their monthly reports.
 4. On page 143 of the M Men Manual, and in the Gleaner manual, will be found a plan for holding M Men-Gleaner Banquet—an activity for spring.
 5. We have just received copies of *Scouting in the Latter-day Saint Church*, 1s. 6d., and the *M. I. A. Song Book*, selling at 1s., postpaid, from London Bookshop. Did you know that there have been Y. M. M. I. A. Roll and Record Books and Y. W. M. I. A. Roll and Record Books prepared for British Mutuels, and that you can get them for 1s. 6d. each at the same place?—BRITISH Y. M. AND Y. W. M. I. A. BOARDS—G. HOMER DURHAM.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

A MESSAGE FOR TEACHERS!

Up to me sweet childhood looketh,
Heart and mind and soul awake;
Teach me of Thy ways, O Father!
Teach me for sweet childhood's sake.

In their young hearts soft and tender,
Guide my hand good seed to sow,
That its blossoming may praise Thee,
Praise Thee wheresoe'er they go.

Amid the tumult that is abroad in the world today, there is a universal craving for peace. The peace that is enduring is founded on faith. This blessing of faith is to be sown deep in the hearts of the boys and girls coming to you, that they may stand firm in the days of their trials and tribulations.

You, dear teachers, carry a part of this great responsibility. The General Board and Mission Board offer you lessons and projects, but much depends on how you accept and carry on. There is for you the joy of finding and keeping the children interested, and safe from unnecessary temptations.

(Signed) MAY ANDERSON
ISABELLE S. ROSS
EDITH H. LAMBERT

To those teachers who love children enough to teach wisely and well this message is sent.

To give the limited outlined material of the lesson bulletin is not enough. The task of the teacher is to enrich that material with a pleasing personality, and to vitalize it with a varied method of presentation

by using as helps stories, pictures, songs, dramatizations, etc. Diligent preparation and a humble prayer to our Father that He will aid us in presentation is a key to successful teaching.

To each teacher should come again and again the challenge to be a wiser and better teacher this quarter than last. What a Task! Yet what an Opportunity! Only by squarely meeting the challenge can we improve.—BRITISH MISSION PRIMARY BOARD—ELIZABETH CORNWALL, PRIMARY SUPERVISOR.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfer: Elder A. Fogg Harris was transferred on February 6th from the London district to the British mission office.

Doings in the Districts: Leeds—Given the task of supervising the entertainment on the M. I. A. open night in the Bradford branch, January 29th, Bradford Bee-Hive girls of the Blossom swarm staged a Mothers' and Daughters' social, inviting the Gleaners and M Men as special guests. The programme that they planned included variety and concert numbers, games, and dancing. Acting as host and hostess for the evening were President J. C. Harrison and Sister Florence Dennis. The evening was also the occasion for the presentation to the girls of the seals earned by them during past weeks. Sister Eliza E. Summerson is the branch Bee-Keeper.

Skating as a recreational pursuit is a new activity of the Bradford branch Gleaner group. On January 9th, accompanied by a few M Men and some other friends these girls spent a pleasant evening thus engaged, and have tentatively planned similar evenings for the future.

Plans for the M. I. A. concert in the Bradford branch on February 23rd called for costumes. So, with practical feminine foresight and ingenuity, the Gleaners set about to raise funds with which they could be purchased. A cornish pastry supper on February 2nd was the means by which they realized 17s. 9d. Sister Newsome of Thornton made and donated the pastry.

"The Man on the Sofa," was the play selected by the M Men and Gleaner Girls of the Clayton branch for presentation on their "drama

night." The play was staged on February 9th at Westgate hall in Bradford before an enthusiastic audience of sixty. Supporting numbers on the programme were several original musical items furnished by Sister Lily Warnes.

Brother Cyril Warnes has been appointed and set apart as president of the Clayton branch, succeeding Brother Herbert Walker, who was released to take up his duties as a counsellor in the Leeds district presidency.

Bristol—Members and friends of the Bristol branch met in conference on January 27th, under the direction of District President Gordon K. Ashley, the meetings being conducted by Walter Shortle, branch president. Local members contributed short talks and musical numbers to the programme.

Hull—January was a social month for the Gainsborough branch members. On the 14th of January, at the branch hall, a social evening was conducted for the benefit of the Sunday School fund. The children of the branch met on the 24th for the annual Sunday School prize-giving party, where those with outstanding records for attendance during the past year were given appropriate awards. And on January 28th, branch members and friends met for a social evening at which Elder Drayton B. Nuttall was the guest of honour.

Liverpool—The Liverpool branch Relief Society sponsored a sale of work on Monday, January 28th, in the branch hall, the receipts from which were deposited in the organization's treasury. In charge of the affair were President Mary C. Gardner and Sisters Marie Fife, Ellen Patey and Annie McGhee.

Sister Alice M. May planned and directed the entertainment.

On Sunday, February 3rd, Elder Wendell J. Ashton spoke before the Society of Friends in Blackburn, his subject being Abraham Lincoln. He has been invited to return at a later date to discuss with them the message of Mormonism.

E. George Patey is president, Reginald McGhee 1st counsellor, and David Willis 2nd counsellor in the new branch presidency of the Liverpool branch. These brethren were set apart Sunday, February 3rd, by President Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr., following the amalgamation of the Liverpool and Bootle branches. The fusion of the two branches has made one completely organized branch with all of the auxiliaries officered and functioning smoothly.

Manchester—On Tuesday, February 5th, a cottage meeting was conducted at the home of Mr. George Greenwood of the Rochdale branch. President G. E. Dale was in charge, and was assisted by Elder Melvin M. Richards.

Twelve members and friends gathered at the home of Sister S. E. Pullan in Rochdale for a cottage meeting on February 7th. Elders E. H. Startup and Melvin M. Richards were the speakers, and President G. E. Dale conducted the services.

Under the able direction of Sisters Sarah Allsop and Emmeline Cooper, the Bee-Hive and Gleaner Girls of the Hyde branch staged an entertaining concert and variety show in the branch hall on February 9th. Money raised by selling refreshments and sweets during the intermission will be used to purchase new hymn books for the branch.

Under a new plan recently instituted, missionaries in the Manchester district are making a weekly trip to Stoke-on-Trent to hold cottage meetings in the homes of saints who are scattered among the small towns in the Pottery district. On the first two Sundays in February meetings of this nature were conducted at the home of Sister E. Bailey in Burslem.

A tableau, presented by the child-

ren of the Oldham branch, was the feature of the branch Primary conference, February 10th. Sister S. Allsop, district Primary supervisor, President William Gregson, and Elder E. H. Startup were the speakers at the session. Miss W. Taylor and Sister E. Wynn were in charge of the conference preparations.

M Men and Gleaner girls of the Manchester branch sponsored a social and dancing evening on February 2nd, in the branch hall, to raise funds for their M. I. A. dramatic work. Music for dancing was supplied by a radio-gramophone. During the intervals songs and other items provided additional entertainment for the guests.

Newcastle—Games, an entertainment programme, and refreshments provided a triple attraction for the Primary children of the Sunderland branch on February 4th when they met together for a Primary party. The affair was arranged under the direction of Sister Gladys Quayle, Primary leader, and Sisters Ida France and Connie Maxwell and Brother Watson Crowling, Primary officers.

Elder William Wright was set apart as president, and Brother Watson Crowling as 1st counsellor of the Sunderland branch presidency at an officers' and teachers' meeting Sunday, February 3rd. Elder Wright succeeds Brother Frederick William Oates, who was recently set apart as president of the district.

On this occasion, members of the branch presented to President Oates a pair of fur-lined gloves as a token of their appreciation for his faithful service to them, and of their wishes to him for success in his new calling.

Nottingham—A Play, "The Spirit of Primary," was the feature of the Eastwood branch Primary conference on February 3rd. The entire programme was provided by the Primary children, who prepared it, rehearsed it, and presented it under the direction of Sister Annie Wild.

Elders L. Dean Hickman and William Berry were the speakers at a cottage meeting held in the home of Sister Ivy Fletcher on

January 10th. Several members and friends of the Eastwood branch were present.

Welsh—Brothers Thomas Price and R. J. Powell were the principal speakers at a cottage testimony meeting held recently in the home

of Brother and Sister Walter George Price of Merthyr branch. Following their addresses, which stressed the importance of a personal testimony, the meeting was opened to the group, and many bore testimony to the truth of the Restored Gospel.

THE MISTS SHALL LIFT

THE mists shall lift and Truth shall stand revealed ;
The prayers of patient men no more concealed
Shall move the nations ; Ignorance shall flee ;
And hearts combine to hail the victory.

The mists shall lift and souls in countless lands
Groping in the dark with eager hands
Shall scale the summits where the flood of day
Engulfs the past, intolerant and gray.

The mists shall lift ; the pageantries of kings,
The armies, navies, fleets with phantom wings,
Shall crumble in the crucible of Truth,
And peace shall soothe the fevered brow of Youth.

The mists shall lift ; Tradition's musty urns
Shall burst as holy incense burns
The greed, the show, the cunning mockery,
The ancient mask of pious trickery.

The mists shall lift. E'en now the heavens glow
While dawn's pure light, before it flees the foe !
While straining eyes behold on heights afar
The hope divine—the bright and morning star.

—CHARLES F. STEELE.

DEATH

BROWN—John William Brown, a faithful and beloved member of the Preston Branch, passed away February 4th. Funeral services were

held February 8th under the direction of the Preston branch presidency.

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